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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001


Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am contacting you to ask that you back the settlement reached in the Microsoft antitrust case. This case simply has continued for too long, and an enlightened settlement now exists that should bring this case to a close.

The settlement that is currently being made available to both sides will bring improvement and more openness to the IT industry. The settlement allows computer makers to place non-Microsoft systems on their machines unencumbered by contractual restrictions. The settlement also will permit the easy placement of non-Microsoft software on Microsoft operating systems.

Clearly this settlement presents a reasonable result for all sides. Pursuit of further litigation in the federal case is, in my opinion, unwarranted. I again respectfully ask that you back the current settlement.

Sincerely,



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cc: Representative Martin Frost